

## WELCOME

All Christians who would normally do so are invited to receive communion. If you wish not to receive, please come forward for a blessing. **Gluten free Communion Wafers** are available on request in advance. You are warmly invited to coffee afterwards



## CHILDREN

Children are very welcome at St Mary's. Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room during the Sung Eucharist. There is also a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

**9th December 2018**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

## Hymns

405, 282, 265, 690, 633 (sheet)

## TODAY

**Welcome** to Revd. Canon Ken Batt who is leading us in worship today.

**Thank you** to all who worked so creatively and joyfully to make this year's Christmas tree festival such a successful and beautiful one. Thanks to all the tree creators, stall holders, refreshment teams, stewards, and special thanks to Jeanette and her team who've put in so much work organising the event.

The Festival weekend will conclude with the **Christingle Service** at 4pm today.

**Retiring Collection for our December charity:** This month we are collecting for The Children's Society.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday Discussion Group:** Our next meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm in the Bolton Chapel. Continuing with our study of the Acts of the Apostles this month Chapters 18 to 21 v 16. Everyone welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*.

**Naomi House Light Up a Life Service** St Mary's looks forward once again to hosting this service on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

## LOOKING FORWARD

We look forward to welcoming Revd. Malcolm Surman who will lead us in worship for the next two Sundays.

**St Mary's Carol Service** takes place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. Details of all other Christmas services are available on a card on the table by the North Door.

## BITS & PIECES

**St Mary's Christmas Cards** are now available at a price of **4 for £1**. Please leave the money in the wall safe.

## Carols with friends at Basingfield

**Court:** all welcome to join the residents on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 pm.

**Basingstoke Foodbank - Christmas Day Free Lunch** If you know of anyone who is going to be isolated, alone or won't have the funds to buy food for Christmas Day please let Debbie Filer know or contact Jenny McCloy at the Foodbank via email: [jennymccloy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennymccloy@hotmail.co.uk).

## EVENING PRAYER

**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 5PM**

A precious opportunity for the whole church community to come together to support and pray for the following day's interview process.

**Big Turkey Community Christmas Lunch** Come and celebrate Christmas together on **Saturday, 29th December**, at Old Basing Village Hall with our complimentary Big Turkey Community feast! Drinks will be served from 12 noon with lunch starting at 1 pm.

**Only a few places are left**, please contact Rachel Jones asap via email: [rachelj.broadwater@googlemail.com](mailto:rachelj.broadwater@googlemail.com) or call her on 07717 002651 if you would like to join us. All ages welcome, with transport provided if needed. We are also grateful for any volunteers who would like to help, if you can spare some time on the day or before then please contact Rachel to join our friendly team, and of course enjoy lunch as well! We look forward to seeing you all on the 29<sup>th</sup>. *Rosey Stevens*

**Tesco Toy Appeal** St Mary's is collecting on behalf of the Tesco Toy Appeal. If you are able to kindly donate a NEW toy to this great cause, there is a box for donations in the lobby. Last year Tesco handed over 675 gifts to Children's Services, all of which were distributed locally.

## A PRAYER DURING THE VACANCY

Heavenly Father,  
As we seek to discern the qualities we hope to find in our new Vicar, we pray that you will direct us with your Wisdom. Give us grace to listen to your Holy Word and open our hearts and minds to receive your wishes for us here in Old Basing and Lychpit.  
In Jesus' name AMEN

## Please pray for....

- Christ's light and love to break into our lives and the lives of others;
- Courage to live lives of integrity and faith.
- People experiencing poverty, hunger, longlines and homelessness, particularly in this festive season;
- Those using and volunteering at the Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter;
- The work of The Children's Society;
- Regions of conflict and disaster: Syria; Afghanistan; Myanmar; South Sudan; Iraq; Congo; Yemen; Indonesia;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Sean and Gemma Collins preparing for their wedding blessing on Saturday;
- Primrose Gill, to be baptised on Saturday;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jenny Surrridge; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently: and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them

**During the service a collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you miss this collection, gifts can be placed in the wall pillar. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the pews. Deo Gratias.** Registered Charity No. 1136606

## PARISH CONTACTS:

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